Ashram Express and the Sarvodaya Express

*234. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government nave received any representation for increasing the frequency of the Ashram Express and the Sarvodaya Express.

(b) what action Government propose to take in the matter;

(c) whether Government have also received any representation for providing facilities at the Ahmedabad railway station for booking tickets for travel by the Rajdhani Express plying between Bombay and New Delhi; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has not been found feasible to increase the frequency of these trains at present on account of acute shortage of coaches and diesel locomotives.

(c) and (d) Ahmedabad is not on the Rajdhani route. A request has, however, been received for provision of an "Outstation" quota for passengers emanating from Ahmedabad to be availed of at Vadodara where Rajdhani Express has stoppage. It has not been possible to agree to this request. There is at present no "outstation" quotas for any outstations, that is, stations not on the route, on any of the Rajdhani Expresses. The introduction of a system of "outstation" quotas will tend to reduce the availability of accommodation for the long distance through passengers for whom the Rajdhani Expresses are primarily meant and consequently also affect adversely the revenue earnings from the Rajdhani Expresses.

बिरला प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान रांची में भ्रष्टाचार

*235. **श्री हुक्मदेव नारायण यादव :** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ संसद सदस्यों ने 18 अगस्त, 1985 को विस्तृत प्रतिवेदन सहित एक पत्र लिखा था और बिहार में बिरला प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान मेसरा (रांची) में व्याप्त भ्रष्टाचार की जांच की मांग की गई थी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस मामले में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है; और

(ग) यदि कोई कार्यवाही नहीं की गई है, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

शिक्षा तथा संस्कृति विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती सुशीला रोहतगी): (क) इस मामले में संसद सदस्य से दिनांक 1 अगस्त, 1985 का एक पत्र प्राप्त हुआ था ।

(ख) और (ग) विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग द्वारा नियुक्त की गई उच्च अधिकार प्राप्त समिति कुछ संसद सदस्यों, स्टाफ संघों तथा अन्यों द्वारा 1 अगस्त, 1985 से पहले संस्थान के विरुद्ध लगाए गए आरोपों की जांच कर रही है ।

Compensation to the relatives of the victims of Kanishka disaster

*236. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any compensation was paid to the next of kin of the victims of the Air India's Kanishka disaster;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether the General Insurance Corporation of India has also paid any amount to the persons mentioned in part (a) above; and